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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Liu, et al.

Serial No.: 09/679,127

Group Art Unit: 1713

Filed: October 3, 2000

Examiner: Unknown

For: Aba-Type Block Copolymers  
Having A Random Block Of  
Hydrophobic And Hydrophilic  
Monomers And Methods Of  
Making Same

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications and other information of which they are aware, which they believe an examiner may consider to be material to the patentability of the claims of this application, and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may contain "material" information pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is either "material" or "prior art" to the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application unless specifically designated as such. Applicants specifically reserve the right, where appropriate, to avoid or antedate any such reference by the appropriate arguments or showings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 and § 1.608, or any other appropriate means.

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A completed PTO Form 1449 listing each reference is submitted herewith, and it respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of the PTO Form 1449 be returned to the undersigned. A copy of each reference therein listed accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application, or before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. No fee is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). However, in the event that more than 90 days from filing have elapsed and a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) to Deposit Account Number 50-0496.

The Examiner is hereby requested to consider these references and other information and make them of record in the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of this application are patentable over the above-cited references and information. Examination and allowance of this application at an early date are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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